

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, It is important to honor veteran police service dogs who are faithful, loyal, and devoted to their responsibilities, and provide a valuable service to their South Dakota communities; and,

Whereas, Jet, a police service dog, was born in Sprang-Cappelle, Netherlands, on August 4, 2002. Jet started his police service dog training on November 14, 2003, and soon became a police service dog with the South Dakota Highway Patrol; and,

Whereas, Jet is a dual purpose dog who is trained in the detection of explosives and as a patrol dog. Explosive detector dogs are trained to find odor of any type of material used to make a bomb or explosive device and to find firearms and spent shell casings; and,

Whereas, Patrol dogs apprehend criminals by finding them in various areas, subdue them with bite pressure, track and find articles of evidence, and provide handler protection; and,

Whereas, Police service dogs will make the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives or suffer a disabling injury while serving their community and the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, I would like to recognize all police service dogs, including Jet, who will be retiring on March 6, 2013, from the South Dakota Highway Patrol and for their role in safeguarding life and property and protecting the people against violence and disorder:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2013, as

POLICE SERVICE DOG DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State